Review of bulk drugs' prices

382. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether any review of bulk drugs' prices has been undertaken by Government recently particularly on the basis of suggestions invited from Members of Parliament during the Winter Session of the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken by Government for the formulation of New Drug Policy so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor indicating steps Government have taken to ensure regular supply of life-saving and essential drugs to common man on a reasonable price till to-date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALERRO): (a) to (d) Review of prices of bulk drugs is a continuous process and this is undertaken on the basis of price review applications from manufacturer of bulk drugs, Cost-Cum-Technical Study conducted by BLCP etc. a background note on the review of drug policy 1986 has been laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 12.8.1992 and a discussion on the same is expected to take place in the current session of Parliament.

Cost of N.O.P Complex Fertilizers

383. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the cost of N.O.P complex fertilizers of different mix as well as Nitrogen which is imported from other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRRO): The estimated total cost (C&F basis) of fertilizers imported on Government account during the current year i.e. 1992-93 (upto 31st January) and per tonne cost are given below:

	Estimated total cost (Rs./crores)	Per tonne C&F cost (Rs.)
UREA	691.90	4135
MOP	659.85	3747
SOP	2.85	5700
DAP	718.39	4951
NPK (Complex Fertilizers)	70.74	5441
Total:	2143.73	

Supply of essential drugs at concessional prices

384. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug industry in the country have offered to provide essential drugs to public hospitals and health schemes at concessional prices as a quid pro quo for lifting price controls;

(b) whether Government have rejected the offer; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) One such proposal have been received.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

एलोपैथिक दवाइयों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

385. **श्री राम नरेश यादव:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पिछले तीन महीनों के दौरान एलोपैथी की दवाइयों के मूल्यों में अत्यधिक वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन वितरकों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें सरकार ने दवाइयों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने की अनुमति दी है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उन्होंने सरकार की अनुमति के बिना कतिपय दवाइयों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि कर दी है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो): (क) जी, नहीं। पिछले तीन महीनों के दौरान एलोपैथी दवाइयों की कीमतों में अत्यधिक वृद्धि का कोई मामला सरकार की जानकारी में नहीं आया है।

(ख) कीमत नियंत्रित औषधों/सूत्रयोगों की कीमतों में संशोधन बी०आई०सी०पी० की सिफारिशों के आधार पर डीपीसीओ, 1987 के उपबंधों के अनुसार और सरकार द्वारा ध्यानपूर्वक जांच के बाद सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत किया जाता है। यह व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित करती है कि स्वीकार की गई कीमत वृद्धि अन्तर्वस्तु की लागतों में वृद्धि से वस्तुतः संबंधित है।

(ग) और (घ) किसी कंपनी द्वारा किसी सूत्रयोग को सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित कीमत से उच्च कीमत पर बेचने का जब भी कोई मामला सरकार के नोटिस में आता है तो स्पष्टीकरण/आवश्यक कार्यवाही के लिए मामले को कंपनी के साथ या राज्य औषध नियंत्रण के साथ उठाया जाता है।

Abolition of price pool of Fertilizers

386. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when the pool prices of the fertilizers were introduced in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to abolish the price pool of fertilizers in the light of the liberalised policy and economic reforms for competitive markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The concept of pool prices for fertilizers was introduced in March, 1944 when a decision was taken by the Government of India to pool the supplies obtainable from the Indian sources with the imported Ammonium Sulphate and work out a weighted average price for the pool material.

(b) The Government have withdrawn price and movements controls in respect of phosphatic & potassic fertilizers with effect from 25th August, 1992. However, nitrogenous fertilizers are subject to price and movement controls. There are statutory maximum sale prices fixed by the Government of India for both indigenous and imported nitrogenous fertilizers.

Retention pricing systems for gas-based fertilizer plants

387. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Price (BICP) has recommended group Retention Pricing System (RPS) for gas-based nitrogenous fertilizers plants to improve their operation for reducing subsidy as per the news item which appeard in the Indian Express dated 2nd January, 1993, under the caption "RPS for Gas-based fertilizer plants proposed"; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The issue of group retention price for gas-based nitrogenous fertilizer plants is being considered alongwith the proposals regarding the policy parameters for the retention price-cum-subsidy scheme for the new pricing period commencing from 1.4.1991.